Total Household Income: Overview of Measures Used in ASPE Welfare Outcomes Grantee Surveys with Welfare Leavers

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State	Total HH Income (BT= before taxes)	Perceptions of HH Income (compared to when on welfare)	Own Earnings (BT=before taxes; TH= take-home)	Others' Earnings (Partners =spouses and/or partners)
Arizona	Sum of 10 sources of Income		\$ per hour (primary), TH pay per week (all jobs)	# other adults, \$ TH pay per week other adults (all jobs)
D.C.	Q on total HH Income last month (BT). Best estimate.		\$ paid at this job, BT, Unit? Paid at all jobs?	Partner: \$ paid at all jobs last week, BT
Florida	Q on total annual income (in \$5k increments)	Satisfaction with standard of living	\$ hourly wage, \$tips	
Georgia	Q on total hh income last month		\$ earn/last month (BT, all jobs)	
Illinois	Q on total post-tax \$ received by hh last month	amount of money; (better, worse, same) ability to provide for family(b, w,s); current financial situation (v sat, sat, dissat, vd)	\$ hourly or other unit (Repeat 2 nd job) TH pay per week in job 1? TH across all jobs?	weekly take-home pay for partner; # of other adults who work for pay
Mass.		financial situation (better, worse or about the same). Amount to live on (more, less, same)	\$ BT (per hr, wk, month or other)	Other adults in hh \$ before taxes (hourly or other)
Missouri	Sum of 10 income sources, followed by: My calc say \$. Does that seem right to you?		\$ BT, including tips, commissions, overtime pay. BT? Unit? How much last month?.	\$ before taxes, last month (partner & then other adults); # of adults w/jobs;
South Carolina		have more money now than when getting welfare; hardly ever worry about money; barely making it from day to day	\$ per hour or week,2 jobs	partner: \$ per hour/week, 2 jobs.
Wisconsin		worry more, less or same about money; better, worse same at handling money;	\$ per hour or per week, (include tips, commissions, reg. overtime pay) (2 jobs)	Partner: \$per hour or week, (include tips, commissions, reg. overtime pay) (2 jobs)
Washington	Sum of 11 income sources	Is your family currently better or worse off (asked after \$ qs).	\$ per hour BT, \$ last month BT	# adults worked for pay last 6 mos, \$ earned frm other family members BT, month
Cuyahoga/ Los Angeles	Sum of 8 income sources.		\$ earn BT, including tips, commissions, overtime. Unit? (2+ jobs). \$ total earnings BT, last month.	\$ total earnings BT, last month.
Bay Area	Sum of 14 income sources		\$/hr BT or other unit, \$/week BT extra comp (was it overtime, tips, bonus, commission)	# earners, Total family earnings/month (BT?)

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State	Total Household Income	Earnings, own	Earn, partner	Earn, Othrs	TANF	ISS	Child Support	Soc. Security	Unemployment	Workers comp	EITC	Family/ frnds	GA	Food Stamps	foster care	Housing	Fuel	Retirement	Veterans	Child care	Other	Notes: \$=amount x=receipt c=asked as 2 nd or 3rd in combination (e.g., TANF or GA) #=number of adults with earnings
Arizona	sum 9 sources>	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			Х	\$	\$	\$		Х	Х				\$	Other income: any other cash assistance, donations or gifts?
D.C.	\$ monthly BT	\$	\$		Х	х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	SSI: any adult, then any child. Other: \$/other from any other source?
Florida	\$ annual (\$5k)	\$			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х		Х	Х			Х		
Georgia	\$ monthly	\$		\$		\$	\$				Х					Х						SSI asked of others in HH
Illinois	\$ TH (last mo)	\$	\$	#	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	SSI Q worded to ask if anyone in HH gets SSI
Mass.		\$		\$	Х	Х	Х	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Х			Х		Х		Х			
Missouri	Sum 10 sources> Check w/R	\$	\$	\$	\$	Х	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$		X	С				С		\$	Os asked for R and then anyone else in household. If DK, <\$400, \$400,\$600, \$800, \$1000, >\$1000. Other inc.: Foster care, gambling or any other money income? SSI: adults, then children
South Carolina		\$	\$			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		
Wisconsin		\$	\$	#	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Os ask are you or your family receivingAlso Asks about: kinship, renters' tax credit, loans, tribal payments. If no income, read extra question probing for other sources.
Washington	sum 11 sources>	\$		\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	Х	Х	\$					\$			\$	
Cuyahoga/ Los Angeles	sum 8 sources>	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	С			Χ	\$		\$							\$	\$ Qs asked of R and anyone else in immediate family. If DK, close to \$100, \$2, \$4, \$6, \$8, \$1000,>= \$1500? Other income: Q lists 8 addnl sources.
Bay Area	sum 14 sources>	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	Х	\$	С	\$	\$	Х				Х	\$	\$Qs ask if you or anyone else in your family. If DK, close to \$100, \$2, \$4, \$6, \$8, \$10, \$15, \$20, >=\$2500. Asks amount Refugee Assistance. Other income: Money from any other sources?
Total	9	12	5	7	4	5	6	4	3	3	0	4	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	5	# Grantees measuring \$ amount of type of income